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COLUMBUS BROWNFIELD GRANT - PUBLIC MEETING #1

The City of Columbus was recently awarded a Brownfield Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to fund the assessment of properties in Columbus that are contaminated by hazardous substances and petroleum products.

Generally, brownfield sites are defined as underutilized or abandoned property in which future development is complicated by the perception or presence of environmental contaminants. Brownfield sites can include land or buildings containing asbestos, mold or other pollutants; former industrial and commercial sites such as gas stations, dry cleaning facilities, grain elevators, and landfills.

A public meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Meeting Hall of Columbus City Hall, 123 Washington Street. This meeting is the first in a series of 6 that will take place during the project. It will begin with a brief presentation that describes the grant project and then will detail the benefits of the brownfield assessment program for property owners and for the City. Meeting participants will also be asked to help identify potential brownfield sites and develop criteria for prioritization of the sites.

Questions regarding the February 24, 2016 meeting may be addressed to the Executive Director of Administration and Community Development Mary Ferdon at mferdon@columbus.in.gov or 812-376-2527.